

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**May 14-15, 2009**

**EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

13. To Approve a Revision to the Licensure Guidelines to Remove Technology Education as an approved subject for Alternate Route Certification as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (cleared APA with no comments)

**Specifications:**

On January 9, 2009, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved a change to the approved list of subject areas for alternative certification in the three state approved alternate route programs – the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Teach Mississippi Institute and the MS Alternate Path to Quality Teacher program. The Commission is recommending the removal of Technology Education from this list.

The Department of Vocational and Technical Education has recommended to the Certification Commission that Technology Education be deleted from alternative certification. The 147 license endorsement in Technology Education was given at one time for Industrial Arts (shop) certification. Currently, this subject is not being taught in Mississippi K-12 schools. Certification of the 147 endorsement is obsolete and does not allow an alternate route teacher candidate any options for teaching.

In the past few years, Licensure has had very few candidates to test in Technology Education for alternate route licensure, but we have had a few. These prospective teachers mistakenly thought that the test would certify them to teach in a Technology or Computer field. We need new teachers and don't want options that are confusing. The Commission, Office of Educator Licensure and the Office of Vocational & Technical Education are requesting that this license be removed from alternate route certification options.

**Attachments:**

Current Licensure guidelines page 10-11

Current Licensure guidelines pages 39-41

Letter from the Office of Vocational Education requesting the amending of this policy

**Backup Material: Attached**

**Recommendation: Approval**

<p align="center"><b>ONE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE</b>  <b>MISSISSIPPI ALTERNATE PATH TO QUALITY TEACHERS (MAPQT)</b>  <b>Areas available: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, French, German, Home Economics, Music, Marketing, Math, Physics, PE, Social Studies, Spanish, Speech Communications, Technology Education, Special Education</b></p>			
<b>License</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Validity</b>	<b>To Convert to a Five Year Alternate Route Educator License</b>
Class A	<p>1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning</p> <p>2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST)</p> <p>Pass Praxis II Specialty Area Test  <i>(Applicants may be admitted with a score within at least one standard error of measurement of the passing score.)</i></p> <p>Acquire admission to the MAPQT Program. <i>(See Appendix H or DisplayText cannot span more than one )</i></p> <p>Complete 90 clock hours of training.  <i>(Times and dates determined by offering colleges.)</i></p> <p>Secure a teaching position</p> <p>Apply for the One Year Educator License-Alternate route.</p>	1 year	<p>Complete New Teacher Practicums (Saturdays during first year of teaching)</p> <p>Pass evaluation by local school district after first year of teaching</p> <p>Complete a local school district mentoring program during first year of teaching</p> <p>Have a passing score on Praxis II or submit Instructional Portfolio to State Board of Education</p> <p>Apply for a Five Year Alternate Route License</p>



## ONE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE

### TEACH MISSISSIPPI INSTITUTE

**Areas available: Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, French, German, Home Economics, Marketing, Math, Physics, Social Studies, Spanish, Speech Communications, Technology Education, Special Education**

License	Requirements	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Alternate Route Educator License
Class A	<p>1. Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning</p> <p>2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST)</p> <p>Pass Praxis II Specialty Area Test</p> <p>Acquire admission to the Teach MS Institute Program (See Appendix H or DisplayText cannot span more than one )</p> <p>Complete an eight week training session</p> <p>Or 10-week online program. (Times and dates determined by offering colleges/universities)</p> <p>Apply for the One Year Educator License – Alternate Route</p>	1 year	<p>1. Completion of one year internship period with mentoring and induction program in local school district.</p> <p>2. Secure recommendation by school district for continued licensure</p> <p>3. Apply for a Five Year Alternate Route License</p> <p><i>*Note: This program requires 12 hours of coursework which may be applied toward completing a master's degree.</i></p>

### THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

**Areas available: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, French, German, Home Economics, Music, Marketing, Math, Physics, PE, Social Studies, Spanish, Speech Communications, ~~Technology Education~~, Elementary Education (4-8 grades)**

License	Requirement	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Alternate Route License
Class A	1. Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST) Pass Praxis II Specialty Area Test Apply for entrance into MAT Program <i>(See Appendix H for information)</i> Complete 6 hours of pre-teaching courses in an approved MAT Program Secure Verification of Program Completion Apply for a Three Year Educator License – Alternate Route	3 years	Secure a teaching position. Complete 6 additional hours of coursework to include supervised internship Secure Verification of Program Completion Apply for a Five Year Alternate Route License

## Appendix H of the Licensure Guidelines – pp. 39-41

<b>APPENDIX H ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSES</b>	
	Master of Arts in Teaching
<b>Subject Areas of Licensure &amp; Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes</b>	Art-0133, Biology-0235, Business-0100, Chemistry-0245, English-0041, French-0171, German-0182, Home Economics-0121, Music-0113, Marketing-0561, Math-0061, Physics-0265, Physical Education-0091, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-0192, Speech Communications-0220, Technology Education-0050, Elementary Education (4-8)-0014
<b>Program Entrance Requirements</b>	Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test, PPST) Praxis II (Specialty Area Test)
<b>Requirements for Alternate Route License**</b>	Complete six (6) hours pre-teaching course requirements from an approved Master of Arts in Teaching program Program Completion Verification  <i>**MAT Program offers a three year alternate route license.</i>
<b>Location and Contact Information</b>	Alcorn State University Belhaven College Delta State University Jackson State University Mississippi College Mississippi Valley State University University of Mississippi William Carey College Mississippi State University ( <i>Grades 4-8 not offered</i> ) University of Southern Mississippi ( <i>Grades 4-8 not offered</i> ) Mississippi University for Women ( <i>Grades 4-8 not offered</i> ) <b><i>For contact information see Appendix F</i></b>
<b>Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License</b>	Complete six semester hours including the internship prescribed by the participating institution
<b>Fees</b>	Colleges charge normal fees for 12 semester hours

**NOTE:** Contact the institution offering the program for enrollment information, application deadlines, fees, starting dates, etc.



<b>APPENDIX H</b> <b>ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHING LICENSES continued</b>	
	MS Alternate Path to Quality Teachers
<b>Subject Areas of Licensure &amp; Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes</b>	Art-0133, Biology-0235, Business-0100, Chemistry-0245, English-0041, French-0171, German-0182, Home Economics-0121, Music-0113, Marketing-0561, Math-0061, Physics-0265, Physical Education-0091, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-0192, Speech Communications-0220, Technology Education-0050, Special Education (7-12)-0352
<b>Program Entrance Requirements</b>	Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning GPA of 2.0 overall if graduated more than 7 years. Less than 7 years must have 2.5 GPA or 2.75 in major area Praxis I PPST (Reading, Writing, Math) Praxis II, Specialty Area Test
<b>Requirements for Alternate Route License**</b>	Training Program consisting of 90 clock hours. (Time and dates determined by offering colleges.) <i>**MAPQT offers a one year alternate route license</i>
<b>Location and Contact Information</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Mississippi Community College Foundation</b>  <b>601-321-3902</b>  <b>email: mapqt@comcast.net</b> </p> <p>           Site Locations:            Itawamba Community College – Tupelo            Hinds Community College – Raymond            MS Delta Community College – Indianola            Pearl River Community College – Hattiesburg and Gulfport            Northwest Community College – Senatobia         </p>
<b>Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License</b>	Certificate of Completion of 9 Practicums (Saturdays) and Training Modules (interactive videos) Documentation of District Evaluation/Mentoring Program (Form #OEL 02-04 F)
<b>Fees</b>	Fee to be determined each year

**NOTE: Contact the institution offering the program for enrollment information, application deadlines, fees, starting dates, etc.**

<b>APPENDIX H</b> <b>ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHING LICENSES continued</b>	
	Teach Mississippi Institute
<b>Subject Areas of Licensure &amp; Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes</b>	Biology-0235, Business-0100, Chemistry-0245, English-0041, French-0171, German-0182, Home Economics-0121, Marketing-0561, Math-0061, Physics-0265, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-0192, Speech Communications-0220, <del>Technology Education-0050</del> , Special Education (7-12)-0352
<b>Program Entrance Requirements</b>	Bachelor' s degree (non-education from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning Praxis I PPST (Reading, Writing, Math) Praxis II, Specialty Area Test
<b>Requirements for Alternate Route License**</b>	Eight Week Training Session in the summer - (Times and dates determined by offering colleges/universities) or TMI Online program through University of Mississippi Continuing Education  <i>**TMI offers a one year alternate route license</i>
<b>Location and Contact Information</b>	Delta State University - Mississippi State University – 8 week summer program only University of Mississippi – online program only - 1-877-915-7313  Dr. Susan Lee 601-432-6522 <b>Institutions of Higher Learning</b> <u>email: <a href="mailto:slee@ihl.state.ms.us">slee@ihl.state.ms.us</a></u>
<b>Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License</b>	Completion of one year internship period with mentoring and induction program in local school district Recommendation by local school district
<b>Fees</b>	Fee to be determined by the offering university

**NOTE: Contact the institution offering the program for enrollment information, application deadlines, fees, starting dates, etc.**